



Waconia Wavelength

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Primary Election Reminders

Primary Election

The 2018 Primary Election will take place on **Tuesday, August 14, 2018**. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ward I residents will vote at the Waconia Ice Arena (1250 Oak Avenue) and Ward II Residents will vote at Trinity Church (601 2nd Street E.). If you are unsure of your ward, please check out the ward boundary map on the Election section of www.waconia.org.

Absentee Voting

Eligible voters can vote early by using an absentee ballot, instead of voting in person at the polling place on Election Day. Absentee voting is currently going on, and ends on August 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Waconia residents who wish to vote an absentee ballot in person can do so at Waconia City Hall (201 South Vine Street) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. City Hall will also be open on Saturday, August 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for those who are interested in voting absentee.

For those who do vote absentee, please remember that this does require more steps than voting on election day, and does require you to fill out and turn in an Absentee Ballot Application. These applications are available at the [City's website](http://www.waconia.org) or at City Hall. Absentee voters will also need either the last

four digits of their social security number or their MN Driver's License or State Issued Identification number.

Campaign Signs

June 29 was the first day that campaign signs could be placed on private property in the community. As a reminder, sign placement must be approved by the property owner. At no time can campaign signs be located on public property or within the right of way. Generally, this means that signs should be placed eight-to-ten feet behind the curb. Signs placed in violation of this will be removed and disposed of.

For More Information

For more information on the 2018 Elections, please visit the City's website at www.waconia.org. Here you can find a detailed election calendar, additional information regarding absentee voting, and details on how to register to vote.



Summer Construction Updates

Did you know you can easily access important information and updates on current construction projects happening around Waconia? All you need to do is visit www.waconia.org and at the top of the home screen select "**2018 Infrastructure Improvements**" or "**County Road 10 Project Updates**." From here, you will be taken to the websites for these projects! On the project website, you can read an overview of the project, view the project layout and images, learn about the schedule, and get regular updates.

Safari Island Annual Shut Down

Safari Island will be closed beginning August 6 through August 12. Additionally, the entire gymnasium at Safari Island will be closed August 2 through August 12.

A very modified group exercise schedule for this time period will be available shortly on the [Safari Island website](http://www.waconia.org). Any group exercise classes held during this time will take place at the Waconia Ice Arena.

Music in the Park

Join us for the last Music in the Park of summer on August 2, 2018 featuring Wondercure, a 70's classic rock band!

Music will start at 7:00 p.m. at City Square Park (101 E. Main Street). Bring your chairs and blankets. In case of rain, Safari Island will host the event.



Labor Day

City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.



Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 4 and a City Council meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

Compost Collection Schedule

Residents can bring grass clippings, garden waste, shrubs and branches no larger than 3" in diameter and 4' in length to Public Services at 310 East 10th Street.



Saturday, August 11
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 16
3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 25
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Cost is \$1.00 per bag or \$10.00 per pick-up or trailer. A copy of the full schedule is available at www.waconia.org.

Hot Topics!

This month's hot topic is all about compost! Properly operated compost sites can help reduce methane gases that can be created from landfilling. This is about 23 times more powerful than carbon dioxide!



Follow the code for more information on the August Hot Topic or to view topics from previous months! You can also visit the Utility Billing section of www.waconia.org.



Visit www.carvercountyfair.com for more information.

Election Filing

The General Election for the City of Waconia will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose of electing candidates to the offices listed below:

Mayor: Two-year term

Council Member, Ward I: Four-year term

Council Member, Ward II: Four-year term

The filing period for these offices begins at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. Candidates may withdraw until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2018.



Candidates for these offices file in person with the City Clerk at 201 South Vine Street, Waconia, Minnesota. The filing fee is \$5.00. Terms begin on January 7, 2019.

August Movie in the Park

Friday, August 17

THE WIZARD OF OZ

8:30 p.m.

City Square Park
101 East Main Street

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the show! In case of rain, Safari Island will host the event.

